



Small group study questions - Sermon March 15

Opening prayer

Please read the entire chapter John 9.

Text from worship: **John 9, selected verses** As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him... 6When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, 7saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam”. Then he went and washed and came back able to see. 8The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” 9 Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am he.”...18 The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight 19 and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” 20His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind; 21but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.”

What did you hear in John 9? What is Jesus trying to do?

How does Jesus elevate the unnamed beggar “the man born blind?”

Think about the encounters with Nicodemus, the Samaritan woman, and the healing of this man?

What, and who, does Jesus prioritize?

If a friend of yours was diagnosed with cancer and were dying, and they told you that they were being punished by God, how would you respond? Do you believe this?

Read texts that support the connection of our sin and our suffering: Deuteronomy 28, Psalm 38.

Is this what we were raised to believe? Is this theology good for God?

Then read Ecclesiastes 7.14-18, and Ecclesiastes chapter 8,

Also read Psalm 7 and the final chapter of the suffering Job 42.10-17

How do you understand Job's story?

And finally, what do we make of the suffering of Jesus, the innocent man?

Does love and justice have the final say?